

REMARKS

The Applicant has amended the specification in order to correct typographical errors and address the Examiner's objection to the disclosure as noted in paragraph 1 of the detailed action. The Applicant has placed the specification in conformity with the usage of pier shaft 6, helix 4, screw jack assembly 15, and screw jack platform 16 as disclosed in the first two paragraphs of the section entitled "Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment" beginning on page 10 line 12. No new matter is added.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 1-6 for convenience without prejudice and without intent to narrow or otherwise limit the literal or equivalent scope of any claim herein. The rejection of claims 1-6 is therefore moot. The Applicant has amended claims 7-18 in order to correct *inter alia*, typographical errors objected to by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the detailed action and clarify antecedent basis. These amendments are not believed to narrow or otherwise limit the literal or equivalent scope of the claims. The Applicant has supplied claim 11, which was mistakenly omitted.

The Applicant respectfully TRAVERSES the Examiner's rejection of claim 14 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones (5,800,094). Claim 14 recites the limitation of "said pier shaft extends through a notch formed in said footer." This limitation was not addressed in the Examiner's analysis of claim 14 and is not disclosed by the Jones reference cited by the Examiner. Jones does not disclose a notch formed in the footer, and as such does not disclose a pier shaft extending through the notch. Consequently, claim 14 and the claims dependent

therefrom are allowable over Jones in its present form and the Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance to that effect.

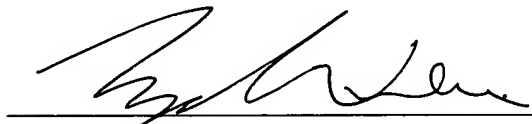
The Applicant has added new claims 21-25.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now placed in a condition for allowance and requests the issuance of a notice of allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, she is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative, Tyson Winarski, in regards to this paper at (602) 257-5298.

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